


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-16, which were submitted by the Applicant as amended ~~Claims~~ under PCT Article 19 during the prosecution of the corresponding International Application No. PCT/EP02/06729, are presented herein and have been amended. No questions of new matter are raised by the above amendment. Entry of the above amendment is therefore respectfully requested.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1980. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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